

## Message from John Brand

To all BF&S employees:

It sure is good to see blue sky, sunshine, and melting snow piles. March Madness will be in full swing over the next month with high school and college basketball tournaments taking place. I am pulling for the Boilermakers to make it to Indy for a Final Four appearance. More importantly to BF&S, March means construction activities will pick up and we will put many people to work completing construction inspection services for our clients. Gary Pohl is working hard with Mike Biesecker and Jeremy Books to get the right number of people to cover our significant inspection workload this year.

We are continuing to pursue the I-69 project in southwest Indiana with Gohmann Asphalt. We were unsuccessful on the first Design/Build contract and are gearing up for the next contract, which is anticipated in late April. We expect to begin work on a value engineering/cost verification phase of the Ohio River Bridges project in the month of March. The S.R. 912 Cline Avenue project also has had some recent activity but it is still unclear if this project will result in significant work for BF&S.

Speaking of unclear, what is your guess on if an additional infrastructure stimulus package, aka Jobs Bill, is going to happen? The House and Senate have not agreed on how to extend or reauthorize the Highway Bill, and they don't agree on if, and how much, Jobs Bill funding is warranted. Stay tuned as this issue is moving fast and the outcome is difficult to predict.

There are several opportunities to help others this spring. Since 2004 the company and employees have funded a scholarship at Arsenal Tech High School in Nelson Steele's name. Michelle Gramelspacher recently emailed information to all employees regarding how you can contribute. Once again in denying that I am old, I have agreed to ride a bike all over Indiana for a week in an effort to raise money for Habitat for Humanity of Indiana. In early May our son, Justin, and I will ride 350 miles in seven days to benefit Habitat for Humanity. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please let me know and I will provide details. Better yet, if you want to ride along and raise some money, go to the [www.lafayettehabitat.org](http://www.lafayettehabitat.org) for details.

Beginning this spring, BF&S will endow the Andrew Landes Scholarship to a Lutheran High School student. This scholarship will be entirely funded by the company and will be coordinated with the Landes family and Lutheran High School. By endowing this scholarship, we will remember the good things Andrew accomplished at Lutheran High School and BF&S while helping a student at Lutheran High School.

John Brand

### March Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ron Lantzer	04
Mike Eichenauer	05
Matt Spidel	05
Laura Morgan	11
Jeremy Campbell	12
Mark Neal	14
Matt House	15
Ty Riddel	15
Matt Sells	16
Jason McCort	18
Jeff Ticen	23
Bryan Myers	24
Gary Pohl	24
Chad Whitsel	25
Tony Mendez	26
Craig Swearingen	26

### March Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>
Richie Fidler	19
Mike Smith	18
Alan Hamersly	17
Dan Isaacs	17
Don Manley	17
Tori Tripp	12
Andrea Langille	11
Ken Minett	10
Michelle Gramelspacher	08
Ron Lantzer	05
Josh Smith	04
Neal Bennett	04

### Upcoming Events

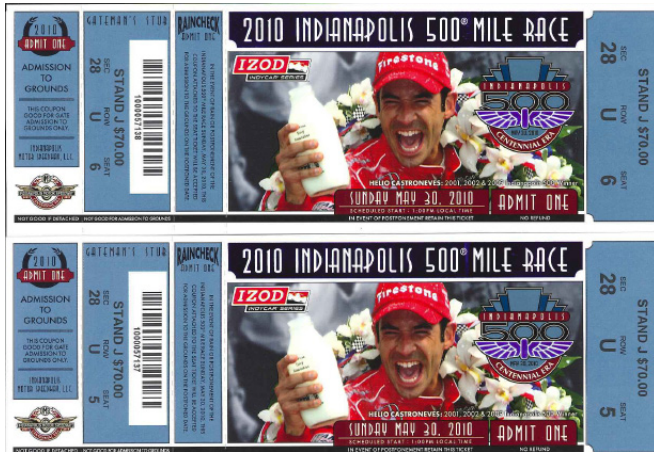
Indy 500 Tickets Lottery April 2010

# BF&S NEWS & NOTES

## Employee News

### BF&S Gives Back

BF&S will raffle off a pair of Indy 500 tickets on Monday, April 5th. The price will be \$2.00 per ticket. All money raised will go towards the Nelson Steele Scholarship fund. Nina will sell tickets in the Indy office, and Karen will sell tickets in the Lafayette office. The seats are located in stand J, section 28, row U, and seats 5 and 6 (around the 4th turn).



### BF&S Welcomes New Employees

This past month we have welcomed three new employees to BF&S Ms. Chaney Hofer, administration, Mr. Rob Burkhart, construction inspection, and Mr. Kyle Harper, Water Resources Department (Lafayette). Welcome to the BF&S team.



### Safety Brief

To begin this month's brief, attention is called to IN Review, an annual publication from the Indiana Department of Labor. This year's edition features an article on Andrew Landes entitled "It Happened to Our Employee" (page 24). A subject which remains on the heart of BF&S, this account highlights the hope that awareness may be borne of tragedy. Please read this publication and pass it along. It is available on-line at [http://www.in.gov/dol/files/IN\\_Review\\_2010\\_Website.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dol/files/IN_Review_2010_Website.pdf).

When does the speed of business compromise our safety? More than ever, our culture thrives on the speed and convenience of information. This has infiltrated all aspects of our lives – Google searches produce millions of results in a fraction of a second; television allows us to record multiple programs for viewing at our convenience; texting allows us to keep in touch with friends and family even when we are nowhere near civilization. While we recognize the benefit of such technology, we must also realize the hazards of its inappropriate use.

Consider cell phone usage while driving, a common activity for most of us. In January of this year the National Safety Council released a report which estimates that at least 1.6 million crashes each year are directly related to cell phone use. Driver inattention leads to 80% of the crashes on our highways; reports indicate that cell phone users are four times more likely to be involved in a crash. Not only does cell phone usage take one's eyes off the road, but it also diverts one's mental energy from the task of driving. In an effort to reduce related accidents, State legislators have revised the Indiana Code to prohibit operators under 18 years of age from using telecommunications devices. Because of statistics like these, cell phone usage has entered the discussion for the 2010 Safety Charter. We should all be mindful of the consequences of unsafe driving. Safety should not be compromised for the sake of convenience.

The Safety Charter task group continues to build our safety program with these matters in mind. As our program materializes, our efforts are recorded on the server ([click for Charter documents](#)).

THINK SAFE, BE SAFE !!

Thanks to Brent Friend for providing this months safety brief.